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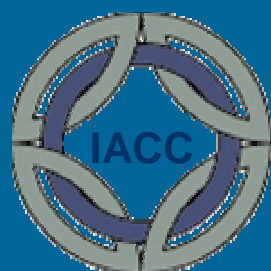
IACC Quarterly

IACC Quarterly is produced quarterly by the Infrastructure Assistance Coordinating Council (IACC), which promotes partnerships among federal, state, and local programs, works to enhance efficiency and coordination in the delivery of financial and technical assistance, acts as a forum to discuss issues that get in the way of helping local governments meet their infrastructure needs, and sponsor training workshops and conferences in these arenas throughout the year.

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State Commissions Infrastructure Financing Studies

By Cecilia Gardener

The financing of infrastructure in the State of Washington is changing! The Good News is that the communities in Washington have more opportunities and resources for financing infrastructure than most states.

The Bad News is that the communities in Washington have more opportunities and resources for financing infrastructure than most states.

The 2005 Legislature commissioned two separate studies related to infrastructure financing. One by the Office of Financial Management (OFM, Executive Branch), and the other by the Joint Legislative

Audit and Review Committee (JLARC, Legislative Branch). OFM has completed their study through Berk and Associates, and delivered it to the Legislature this last session.

IACC members have been interviewed for the JLARC study, which will be delivered to the Legislature in December 2006.

For the OFM study, Berk and Associates provided nine recommendations:

- Govern and manage the programs as a system.
- Strategic direction on state investment goals and priorities is needed.

- Strategic plans and planning processes are needed for each program.
- Create an Infrastructure Policy Forum to coordinate across agencies and programs.
- Recognize and effectively manage the infrastructure programs as banks.
- Invest in financial management systems that increase efficiency and reduce duplicated efforts.
- Invest in modern enterprise information systems to support integrated program

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Get Ready for 2006 IACC Fall Conference

The 2006 IACC Conference is scheduled for October 31 – November 2 at the Wenatchee Conference Center.

This will be IACC's fourteenth conference in the past 20 years. Each has been well attended by state and federal financial assistance programs, local government representatives, consultants, and trainers. We'd love to have you join us to learn about the people and programs around the state (and a few from out-of-state) that can help you.

Questions regarding the conference can be directed to Bill Cole at (360) 586-4125 or email

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For information on the 200+ funding and technical assistance programs, visit the IACC website at www.intrafunding.wa.gov.

Do You Want To Participate? Please Contact:

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decision-making and reporting.

- Use information technology to create a single portal of electronic entry into the state's system for improved information processing, collection and reporting.
- Group infrastructure programs within the Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development into one division within the agency.

On March 13, 2006, OFM and Berk and Associates held a meeting to explain the final report and next steps to various agency and program staff.

The Report was an inventory of more than 80 programs and sub-programs

administered by 12 State agencies, specifically excluding both transportation and information technology. Some of the conclusions of the report were that:

- The Governor wants to operate and manage the infrastructure financing programs in the state as a system.
- The state has a collection of programs not designed to operate as a system.
- The system of programs continues to grow and change with new programs added and in some cases deleted.
- The proliferation and complexity of programs has unintended consequences.
- Statewide infrastructure policy direction is needed.

OFM will be moving forward with the recommendations in the report, as a starting point to creating a "System" for financing infrastructure in Washington State. This will be done by using a Strategic Management Framework Aligning Strategy, Systems, and Structures. Recommendations will be made to enable the State's programs to work together, across agencies, as an interactive system, with alignment between policy, management and performance outcomes.

The IACC will continue to participate in the process as it moves forward, and will report back as issues arise. Berk and Associates interviewed IACC members for the OFM report, and a meeting with OFM and IACC members will take place to see how we can play a role in assisting the State in creating this new "System".

Mark your calendar for the 20th Annual Downtown Revitalization Training Institute!

Join us in Port Angeles May 2-4 for this exciting training opportunity. The Institute brings together outstanding specialists in the field of downtown revitalization to cover a variety of topics within the areas of organization, promotion, design, and economic development.

Participants learn about the Main Street Approach to downtown revitalization with sessions for the novice and experienced alike. The format includes walking tours, lectures, workshops, and networking time.

You won't want to miss writer and performer Bill Stainton's top of the charts keynote presentation titled "The 5 Best Decisions The Beatles Ever Made...And Why You Should Make Them Too!"

His message promotes organizational teamwork and creating a culture for success. Mr. Stainton has won 29 Emmy Awards and 12 International Iris Awards for his work on the long-running Seattle television comedy program, *Almost Live!* He has also worked with a long list of luminaries including Jerry Seinfeld, Ellen De-



Participants will take part in 20th Annual Downtown Revitalization Training complete with walking tour.

generes, Larry King, Lilly Tomlin, and Jay Leno.

This year's conference is sure to help energize the way you approach downtown revitalization!

Registration brochures will be available in mid-March at www.downtown.wa.gov. If you would like a paper copy of the brochure mailed to you, please call Kathy Carlson at 360-725-4187 or email her at: kathyca@cted.wa.gov.

Introducing Rural Community Assistance Corporation

Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC) has three offices in Washington State. The nonprofit is headquartered in West Sacramento, California and has 35 field locations serving 13 Western states.

RCAC's basic strategy is to build partnerships to expand resources for rural communities. Core services include training, technical assistance, access to resources, advocacy and capacity building.

Major program areas are affordable housing development, environmental infrastructure development and community development finance.

RCAC also has a loan fund from which communities can borrow from to achieve their project goals.

RCAC's loan fund is very flexible in the type of project that it can finance, the size and term of the loan. It has helped many communities.

Particularly popular are loans for small infrastructure projects.

Founded in 1978, RCAC teaches community-based or-



ganizations, rural and tribal governments how to solve problems.

RCAC has worked with many Washington communities to provide the needs of the community and to provide training and assistance in management, finance, operations, and planning of community facilities and infrastructure.

For more information about RCAC, please contact the office near you:

408 North Mullan Road, Suite 104, Spokane WA 99206. Office phone (509) 921-9415

PO Box 136, Malott, WA 98829. Office phone (509) 422-2016

4305 Lacey Blvd., S.E., Lacey, WA 98503. Office phone: (360) 493-0785

RCAC is dedicated to assisting rural communities achieve their goals and visions by providing training, technical assistance and access to resources.

Northwest Housing Development Open House ceremony held at the Longmire Meadows Subdivision in Yelm where new housing was built using the Self-Help method. Families participating in a mutual self-help project perform approximately 65 percent of the construction labor on each other's home under qualified supervision.

Do You Know the State Symbols?

Symbols are often adopted after a concerted effort by citizens to have a significant item recognized for its importance to the state. To that end, citizens, organizations or school children often research a particular symbol and make a request for a bill. They track the bill through the Legislative process, often providing further information about their request to the Legislature. If approved by the Legislature, the bill is enacted and there is a new state symbol.

Try and guess what symbolizes the State:

Tree	Song	Dance	Grass	Marine Mammal
Bird	Fish	Folk Song	Insect	See Answers Page 8
Flower	Gem	Fruit	Fossil	

IACC Quarterly Meeting—January 4, 2006

Financial Updates

A \$44,000 balance may cause IACC to be penalized for earning more revenue than the allowed threshold for tax purposes.

IACC will pay for representatives to attend conferences on IACC's behalf for a maximum of 10 events with a budget of \$4,000. Brainstorming will continue for ways to spend IACC funds, including community awards and paying for speakers.

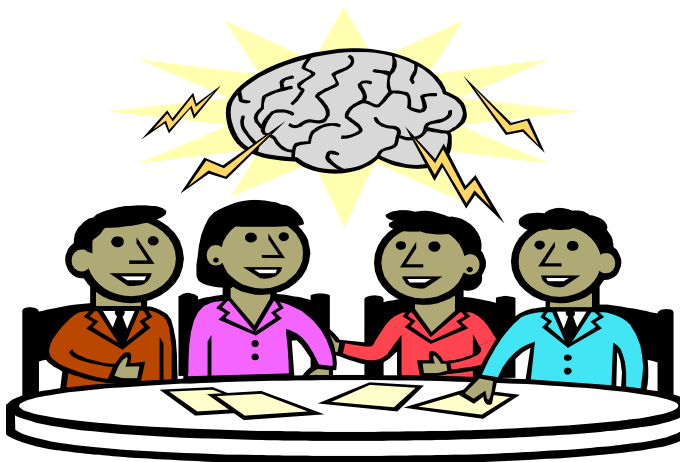
Program Updates

USDA Rural Development –\$15 million is available in grant and loan money for water and sewer projects. Also, limited funds for pre-development planning. Rural Development is accepting applications.

Indian Health Services – A large project load is expected. Staffing levels are stable. Staff are trying to get old projects closed out. IACC will contribute \$1,000 to the May 2006 infrastructure funding workshop.

Drinking Water State Revolving Fund – The Public Works Board will approve the final \$25 million loan list in February. The loan limit decreased from \$4 million to \$3 million. DWSRF and PWTF workshops are early March; the application deadline is May 8th.

Water System Acquisition & Rehabilitation Program – DOH and the Public



Works Board approved five projects totaling \$2 million.

Small Communities Initiative - staff are working with communities of Mansfield, Mineral, Concrete, Rock Island and Downing Townsite. Concrete received \$24,000 for value engineering, which could save them \$400,000 in project costs.

CDBG - \$2 million less available. Applications are currently being reviewed and staff is looking at leveraging and readiness to proceed. There have been some staffing reductions.

Ecology – A funding list is being developed for legislative approval. \$5 million for hardship communities are funded. Funding will likely be available in June.

Public Works Board – Readiness to proceed is now part of the PWTF application scoring. The Board authorized an additional \$53.4 million for 2006, for a total of \$181 million, funding one third

of the requests.

TIB – Received a one-time appropriation of \$7 million. \$2 million goes to the Small Cities program and \$5 million to the Corridors program. \$5 million of the Partnership program created the Missing Links program. They will have \$2 million in resources from the old bond debt redemption. Rich Struna has taken a position with OFM.

RCAC – Funding has remained stable.

Growth Management – No enhancements were included in the Governor's budget. For the competitive grants awarded, the growth component has ranged from \$5,000-\$75,000.

Committee Updates

Current committee structures will remain the same, with the exception of a newly created Infrastructure Database committee, consisting of Chris Gagnon and Cecilia Gar-

dener. TIB has not received responses to requests for updates. IACC members volunteered to be designated agency contacts. More work will be done to determine all programs and agencies listed in the database.

Executive - The current 501c3 federal nonprofit status form and requirements will be distributed for review. Past efforts for nonprofit status were denied due to IACC's lack of an educational component. The current bylaws will be distributed review. The 2006 workplan will be finalized at the March meeting.

Communication/Membership - Cecilia Gardner will review the IACC memorandum of agreement and bring her findings to the March meeting.

Education/Technical Assistance - Local Infrastructure Needs Assistance Survey (LINAS) – Staff are expecting an increase in information submittal and may look into the Veterans Administration or the Associations for help with data entry.

Conference – Members will vote on a conference theme. The next planning meeting is Feb.

Other Business

Cathi Read and Janice Roderick volunteered to lead coordination of any tech teams following the quarterly meetings.

IACC Quarterly Meeting—March 1, 2006

Financial Updates

Continued discussion on ways to spend IACC funds, including community awards and paying for speakers.

Program Updates

USDA Rural Development – Workshops will be conducted in March. Stable FY07 budget; Washington's Community Facilities Grants funding has been reduced.

Ecology – Preliminary funding list is moving through the legislature.

Public Works Board – DWSRF list was approved in February for \$25 million for 30 projects. PWTf list of \$182 million for 51 projects approved and ready for legislative approval. Terry Davis is the new finance and policy manager. The Board is undergoing a comprehensive strategic plan

exercise.

Growth Management – Proposed extension bills that have different thresholds may impact LINAS. A list of jurisdictions affected will be distributed.

AWC – Karen Tanner is working with the Small Cities Program-Member Development Section and is lead on Grant Alerts. Growth management, economic development and water and sewer facilities will be priorities.

5) Committee Updates

Executive - The draft 2006 work plan was revised and approved; the final work plan and budget will be distributed. Bylaws were distributed for review. Links to the 501c3 federal non-profit status material will be distributed for review. It was agreed that IACC should stay connected

with Right! Systems, who has provided extensive conference computer support.

Communication/Membership – Parties involved in the IACC memorandum of agreement are responsible for updating their program information annually and volunteering time to IACC. The goal is for program heads to sign the MOA.

Conference – “Help is all Around” is the theme. Cecilia Gardener will produce “hold the date” cards for distribution to field staff and program mailing lists. Chris Gagnon volunteered to coordinate 2006 training/program sessions.

Education/Technical Assistance – LINAS should identify projects and specify plans to fund them. The goal is to have

a live, web-based portal with legislative access availability. Bill Cole is developing a timeline and budget for LINAS and the IACC database.

Infra-funding Database – the IACC database is not current and a commitment is needed to make the current set-up work or get an alternative plan. Rodney Orr, Board staff, has volunteered to help as necessary in evaluating the database's status.

Other Business

OFM Infrastructure Inventory – The House Capitol Striking Budget asks for Phase 2 of the Berk Study to be completed by December 2006. Phase 1, option 9, recommended collocation of infrastructure programs. On a related note, the Public Works Board has been made a division within CTED.

State Investment to Boost Jobs/Future Economic Growth Planning in Three Counties

The State Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB) approved \$1,100,000 in public investments to create new jobs and boost business growth across the state.

Benton County - \$50,000 grant to assist the City of Kennewick to conduct a feasibility/reuse study of the Welch's juice processing plant in Kennewick.

Grays Harbor County - \$50,000 grant to assist the Grays Harbor Public Development Authority to conduct feasibility planning for the purpose of developing a business



attraction program for the Satsop Development Park.

Thurston County - \$1,000,000 loan to the Port of Olympia for water, sewer, stormwater and road improvements to support expansion of

the Cardinal Coated Glass (CG) facility.

CERB is the state's economic development resource focused to help business and industry create and retain jobs in partnership with local government. The Washington State Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development (CTED) provides management support for the board.

More information about the CERB program is available at www.cted.wa.gov <<http://www.cted.wa.gov>>

North Beach Public Development Authority

The North Beach Public Development Authority (NBPDA) recently announced the purchase of the Ocean Park Water and Pacific Water Companies in Ocean Park, Washington. These two private water systems have served the north end of the North Beach since the 1960s.

The new company will be called North Beach Water. The Washington State Public Works Trust Fund and water revenue bonds sponsored by the Cashmere Valley Bank financed the purchase of the two water companies.

The result of the purchase will be a single combined water utility serving more than 2,200 residences and 300 businesses.

The NBPDA was created by the Pacific County Commissioners in 2004 and has a five member board, appointed by the county commissioners, and is comprised of local citizens. Creating a public water authority with elected board members will require a ballot initiative and must be voted on by local residents.

The NBPDA will operate the combined water utility until the Water District can be created.

Other changes in the works are construction of a new 211,000 gallon ground level reservoir and piping that will tie the two systems together.

The new reservoir and system inter-tie should enhance fire flow and increase water pressure.

Water rates will be evaluated by North Beach Water, which have not been raised since 1999.

The current rates for the former Ocean Park Water and Pacific Water are among the lowest in the county.

Critical Access Hospitals

By Sandi Boughton
USDA Rural Development

A Critical Access Hospital (CAH) is a hospital that is certified to receive cost-based reimbursement from Medicare. The program was created by Congress in the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 and is designed to support limited-service hospitals located in rural areas. The reimbursement that CAH receive is intended to improve their financial performance and thereby reduce hospital closures.

In order to qualify for CAH status, a hospital must meet the following criteria:

- Located in a rural area
- Provide 24-hour emergency care services
- Average length of stay of 96 hours or less
- More than 35 miles from a hospital or another CAH or more than 15 miles in areas with mountainous terrain or only secondary roads or certified by the State as being a "necessary provider" of healthcare services to residents in the area.
- Beginning on January 1, 2004, CAH may operate up to 25 beds for acute (hospital-level) inpatient care, subject to the 96-hour average length of stay for acute care patients.

As of June 2005, there were 1,117 certified CAH located throughout the United States.

Policymakers are concerned about the ability of rural hospitals to obtain the capital they need to remain a viable and important source of care for rural America.

Those hospitals failing to invest sufficient capital to keep pace with depreciation, advances in medical technology, and changing population needs are at significant operational and financial risk. More importantly, they jeopardize the availability of needed services for

rural populations.

A recent assessment investigated the capital-related experiences of CAH between 2001 and 2004. It assessed their capital requirements for addressing fire and life/safety as well as other important operational needs along with their strategies for addressing those major needs. It also addressed their experiences in accessing federal, state and private sector capital markets; the role of non-loan capital in meeting their important needs; and, their investment strategies as capital becomes available.

Assessment findings indicate that CAH have significant capital needs in terms of fire and life/safety issues (\$180 million) and projects important for safe and effective operation (\$642 million). The assessment findings indicate that the estimated total capital needs for all operating CAH exceeds \$1.6 billion.

Many of the CAH reporting important fire and life/safety needs such as suppression systems were unable to secure capital over the two years preceding the survey on which the assessment is based.

A majority of CAH have also been unable to obtain capital to address growing demands for health information technology (HIT) capacity. HIT projects, while critical for meeting emerging policy and regulatory requirements, do not generate the additional operating revenue needed to secure a loan and therefore are a poor capital loan risk for hospitals with limited financial reserves.

Approximately 42 percent of all CAH pursued a capital loan during the period covered by the assessment. Nearly all applicants (96%) were successful, resulting in \$418 million in available capital. This suggests that CAH administrators are well aware of loan market criteria and have been able to take advantage of technical assistance when needed.

It also suggests that lenders are becoming more confident about their cost-based reimbursement, and their likelihood of continued financial improvement over

the period of a loan contract. The findings suggest that this is more the case for local lenders than private market lenders. Although the proportion of capital projects supported by either lender group has remained comparable since 2001, the total amount of local lender dollars has doubled while private market lender funding has been cut in half.

Comparisons of available capital sources based on program tenure suggests that earlier CAH converters are more dependent upon public sources of capital and half as likely to acquire private market capital as later converters.

On average, later converters are in better financial shape and more able to obtain the capital they need from loan markets than early converters. At least a third of all CAH are using leasing arrangements to expand their capacity to meet local needs. Virtually all of the equipment leasing arrangements involve advanced clinical technologies such as digital x-ray, CT scan, and MRI equipment.

Grants and contributions continue to represent significant sources of capital and are frequently bundled with capital loan funds to underwrite major projects.

CAH now represent more than 40 percent of all rural hospitals operating in the United States. Many of these hospitals are coming to USDA Rural Development for financing.

In FY 2004 the Community Facilities Program provided 39 loans & grants to finance 28 hospitals (20 direct loans; 16 guaranteed loans and 3 grants) totaling \$147,012,570. A major portion of these were CAH.

USDA Rural Development is seeing an increased interest in funding for CAH. Because of the significant capital costs coupled with the fact that most of the hospitals are located in eligible rural areas, USDA Rural Development expects an increased demand for funding under the Community Facilities Programs to help hospitals meet the requirement for their CAH designation.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Annual Tribal Health Conference will be held April 5-7, 2006 in Billings, MT. For more information, visit www.mtwtc.com or call (406) 252-2550.

Washington Association of Sewer & Water Districts 2006 Spring Conference & Trade Show will be held April 20 & 21, 2006 at the Ocean Shores Convention Center in Ocean Shores, WA. For details, see <http://www.waswd.org/>.

The Environmental Protection Agency is accepting applications for the fifth annual National Award for Smart Growth Achievement, open to local or state governments and other public sector entities that have used the principles of smart growth. Applications are due May 1, 2006. For more details, visit <http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/awards.htm>.

The 20th Annual Downtown Revitalization Training Institute will be held in Port Angeles May 2-4. For registration information, visit www.downtown.wa.gov. For more information, contact Kathy Carlson at (360) 725-4187 or kathyca@cted.wa.gov.

The Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) application deadline is May 8, 2006. For information, contact Chris Gagnon at (360) 236-3095, chris.gagnon@doh.wa.gov, or http://www.doh.wa.gov/ehp/dw/our_main_pages/



dwsrf.htm.

The Public Works Trust Fund construction application deadline is May 8, 2006. For information, contact (360) 586-4120 or www.pwb.wa.gov/.

Water and wastewater (water sector) system managers along with local and regional stakeholders are invited to attend the 2006 Washington State Water Security Symposium in two locations--May 2, in Spokane and June 1, in Bellevue. The symposium is free and offers Continuing Education Units (CEU). For more information, visit http://www.doh.wa.gov/ehp/dw/Security/security_symposium.htm.

Applications are due May 12 to the Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families' for Community Economic Development discretionary grant funds for operational projects to community development corporations that are experienced in implementing economic development projects. More information is available at <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2006-ACF-OCS-EE-0019.html>.

The IACC Indian Health Ser-

vices and USDA Rural Development are planning the 3rd Tribal Infrastructure and Community Facility Workshop, May 16-18, at the Quinault Beach Resort at Ocean Shores. This is an opportunity to meet state and Federal funding agencies and to learn about financial and technical resources. Please contact Kelly Titensor, Director DSFC at (503) 326-3155.

The National Rural Health Association 2006 Annual Conference will be held May 15-19, 2006 in Reno, NV. Visit www.nrharural.org and click on "Annual Rural Health Conference" to obtain more information or call the NRHA headquarters at (816) 756-3140.

American Water Works Association (AWWA) 2006 Annual Conference and Exhibition is scheduled for June 11-15, 2006 in San Antonio, Texas. For details, see <http://www.awwa.org/>.

The Multi-Family Housing Program application deadline is June 16, 2006. The Notice of Funding Availability for the Guaranteed Rural Rental Housing Program can be accessed at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rd/nofas>.

The Washington Finance Officer Association will hold its annual conference September 13-16, 2006 in Tacoma, WA. See <http://www.wfoa.org/> for more information.

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State Symbols

Answers:

Tree - Western Hemlock

Bird - Willow Goldfinch

Flower - Coast Rhododendron

Song - "Washington, My Home"

Fish - Steelhead Trout

Gem - Petrified Wood

Dance - Square Dance

Folk Song - "Roll On, Columbia, Roll On"

Fruit - Apple

Grass - Bluebunch Wheatgrass

Insect - Green Darner Dragonfly

Fossil - Columbian Mammoth

Marine Mammal - Orca

USDA Rural Development Funding Opportunities for FY06

USDA Rural Development announces the availability of funding opportunities for various programs including renewable energy, broadband & Internet, housing, water systems, and economic development projects.

The following are a list of funding opportunities by program, deadlines, and contacts:

Utilities

Sandi Boughton – Community Programs Director, Phone: (360) 704-

7738 ;
 sandi.boughton@wa.usda.gov

- *Announcement of Application Deadlines and Funding for the Household Water Well System Grant Program - Application deadline: May 31, 2006.*

Broadband

Western Washington - Wes Lannen, Phone: (360) 666-2741, wes.lannen@usda.gov; Eastern Washington - Mike Dolezal, Phone: (208) 624-1401 mike.dolezal@usda.gov

- *Grant Application Deadlines and Funding Levels for the Community Connect Grant Program - Application deadline: May 15, 2006.*

Program details can be found in the Federal Register through a Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA) Each NOFA lists the application deadlines, eligibility requirements and places where you can get more help in applying for program dollars. Details can be found at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rd/nofas/index.html>.

Department of Ecology News

EPA, Washington state provide nearly \$4 million to protect Puget Sound

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) was awarded nearly \$2 million by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to accelerate and improve efforts to address the health of Puget Sound, the second largest marine estuary in the United States. Washington state must secure approximately \$2 million to match the federal grant.

One of Governor Gregoire's priorities this year was to ensure a sustainable Puget Sound. The Washington Legislature adopted this request, providing a total of \$52 million. The Puget Sound Partnership was formed in December, a public-private effort to help solve environmental challenges in the Sound. The partnership's roster can be accessed at http://www.pugetsoundpartnership.org/about_us.htm.

EPA is focused on the Puget Sound as a national priority and has

adopted the state's aggressive cleanup goals for 2006. The 15-year goals of the Puget Sound Partnership include finding the best ways to improve the Sound's water quality, keep region streams flowing, protect and restore critical shoreline habitat, and help recover important species at risk from pollution such as orca whales, salmon and groundfish.

The new federal and state money will support the development of the Partnership's 2020 agenda to integrate the state's Chinook salmon recovery plan with Puget Sound restoration. The partnership will work with the region's top scientists to identify conservation priorities.

The state Department of Fish & Wildlife will match \$700,000 of the EPA funds to support local efforts to recover endangered salmon populations.

Another portion of the funding will support outreach and education efforts to better engage citizens in support of Puget Sound conservation and protection.

For more information: www.pugetsoundpartnership.org/index.htm

Tribal Infrastructure Workshop

This workshop will provide an opportunity to meet state and Federal funding agencies to learn about financial and technical resources that are available and how to access this assistance. You may also meet personally with funding sources to review specific project proposals and develop plans for implementation.



Who should attend? Tribal Council Members, Planners, Public Works Officials, Housing Officials and Engineers.

Workshop topics include planning and funding community facilities; financing infrastructure; water supply, wastewater and solid waste projects; and coordination with state/federal agencies.

The workshop will be held May 16-18, 2006 at the Quinault Beach Resort in Ocean Shores. For more information, contact Kelly Titensor, Director DSFC, at (503) 326-3155.

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The intent of this newsletter is that it be a work in progress, continually evolving to incorporate the clever ideas of IACC members. Newsletter ideas and suggestions are appreciated, and can be sent to Chris Gagnon at (360) 236-3095 or chris.gagnon@doh.wa.gov. Past issues are available by visiting the IACC website at www.infracfunding.wa.gov.